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HALLOWEEN SPOOKSTERS. Things were quite spooky at the Elba General Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 31, as the halls were filled with some unusual characters. These special guests were found roaming all over throughout the day, and they were actually caught on camera in the emergency room. In this picture, Dr. I.B. Coffin (Linda Blair) checks on the status of the Mummy (Kerry Johnson) as the Lightning Victim (Loretta Smith), the Car Bumper (Dolly Kelley), the Cereal Killer (Missy Craig) and Happy the Clown (Jill Jinnright) watch the action.



Have a Happy
& Safe
Veteran's Day

Rosa Maria Rivera named Miss August at Mosley High School in Panama City

Rosa Maria Rivera, age 16, was announced Miss August 2002 at her high school, Mosley High, in Panama City, Fla. She competed with 118 other young beauties in the Calendar Girl Contest hosted by the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club.

Maria is in the 11th grade and has one sister, Beth Rivera, who graduated from Mosley in 1999. Her mother is Debra Coon Rivera and she is the granddaughter of Ms. Betty Coon of Elba.



Rosa Maria Rivera

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Local man arrested on drug charges following routine traffic stop

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although one traffic stop appeared to be routine last Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, the Elba Police Department soon found it to be much more than a simple traffic violation as it led to the arrest of an Elba man on drug charges.

Elba Police officer Judy Pierce stopped Michael Booth, age 43, of Elba, for a routine traffic violation, however, Booth was arrested after he allegedly was found in possession of alcohol and methamphetamine.

Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said Booth then gave police officers permission to search his residence at "Beaver Dam" Apartments where more drug related items were discovered.

Kinston man receives thirty year sentence

A Kinston man received his sentence on Tuesday, Oct. 30, after pleading guilty to domestic violence, first degree in the Coffee County Circuit Court-Elba Division.

Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, age 20, was sentenced to 30 years in prison by Judge Tom Head after the state accepted a plea during the middle of his trial.

Wilkerson was charged in October of 2000 in connection with the severe abuse of his infant daughter.

At that time, then Kinston Police Chief Jerome Cobb said this was one of the worst cases of child abuse he had ever seen during his years in law enforcement.

Initially, the baby was reported to have a broken arm, bruises around the vaginal area and burns on her body. She was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Birmingham from Andalusia Regional Hospital where she remained for five weeks.

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Single vehicle accident proves fatal for Enterprise man



Emergency personnel responded to this single vehicle accident on Hwy. 84 West last Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, at approximately 6:47 p.m. where James Earl Teague, age 57, of Enterprise, was fatally wounded. According to reports, Teague was traveling West on U.S. Hwy. 84 just outside of Elba when he apparently lost control of his Nissan pickup truck as it crossed the roadway and rolled several times before coming to a halt against the fence captured in the above photograph. A large portion of the fence was destroyed in the accident which was investigated by Alabama State Trooper J.R. Ward. Also responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS. Teague was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin McElwain. An autopsy revealed multiple blunt force trauma as the cause of death.

Commission votes to enter negotiations for sale of county landfill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The future of the Coffee County Landfill emerged as the main topic Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

With the opening of a new landfill in Brundidge on Nov. 1st, County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that Coffee County is facing a different situation now than one year ago.

He said the landfill has served the county well for the past eight years; but, the county must now look at all of its options since competition has arrived.

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sioners with many of the terms proposed by WCA in the proposal for purchase. The terms included:

- WCA, on a wholly-owned subsidiary, will enter into a purchase agreement with Coffee County for the purchase of the Coffee County Landfill and all equipment utilized in the operations of the landfill.

- WCA will assume all obligations and liabilities for future capital costs and working capital.

- The consideration for the purchase shall consist of the following: (a) cash payment of \$2,000,000 at closing; and (b) Payoff of outstanding county debt for equipment of not more than \$900,000.

- In addition, WCA will pay the county an annual Host Community Fee of \$500,000, paid in equal quarterly installments. Host Community Fee will continue for a period of 20 years.

- In addition, WCA will pay a Royalty of \$1 per ton of out-of-county waste disposed at the landfill. The royalty shall increase annually at a rate equal to the CPI.

- In order to ensure continuity, WCA will hire all existing qual-

ified landfill employees and will engage the county's current outside engineer.

- WCA will indemnify the county for all liability arising out of WCA's ownership and management of the landfill and occurring after the purchase.

- As soon after the consummation of the purchase as possible, the county will enter into a disposal agreement with WCA for the disposal of all of the county's waste (over which the county has control) for a term of three years, and shall commit to good faith efforts to continue such disposal agreement for subsequent three year terms.

- The county will work with WCA to modify the permit with ADEM to remove service area restrictions in the permit. The county agrees to not impose import restrictions on any cur-

rent or future waste streams into the landfill.

- WCA commits to operate the landfill in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations. The county will establish a landfill oversight committee to ensure WCA's operations are in compliance with such laws and regulations.

- The committee will consist of the chairperson of the commission, the county engineer and an independent engineering firm selected by the commission. The committee will have the authority to levy fines on WCA for final findings of violations that have not been remedied within agreed upon time frames.

- The county will assist WCA secure a leachate disposal agreement at current POTW.

Also, Armstrong said the proposal indicated that WCA requests that the county provide its representatives access to the county books and records to the landfill so the company can finalize its review and analysis of the landfill. With this, WCA agrees to treat confidentially all information concerning the landfill received from the county.

After reading the proposal from WCA, Armstrong told commissioners that the advisory group had talked with a lot of people in the industry that said the Coffee County Landfill is as well managed and attractive as any, but the disadvantage remains that it is located in a small market and all of a sudden there is direct competition in the

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL. The high school playoffs enter round two action this week with the Elba Tigers being the only local team still competing. The Tigers will travel to Birmingham on Friday, Nov. 16, to take on the Tarrant Wildcats. Kickoff for the game will be 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE. The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a community-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. This service will be held at Westside Baptist Church and will be a time of prayer, praise and celebration of the goodness of God to the community, nation and world. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and join in thanking the Lord for His wonderful blessings.

BLOOD DRIVE. An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS. Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, The Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for next week's paper.

The holiday deadline schedule for the Nov. 22nd edition of the paper will be as follows:

- Church and Social news will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

- All other news will be due by Noon on Monday, Nov. 19.

The deadline for advertising will also be Monday, Nov. 19, at Noon.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

New York has been in the news every day for the past two months, and this past Monday's plane crash doubled exposure. One year ago incumbent Mayor Giuliani was almost thrown out of town, but today he is the knight in shining armor for a job well done following the September 11th terror attacks. This brings us to something we read that still seems amusing -- an internet news release from the national Republican party last week was definitely a case of the spin doctors pounding their chest like a gorilla. The fact a Republican mayor was elected following a Republican mayor for the first time in 100 years meant to them that in the next two years the GOP was about to "sweep" all the important offices in the country. Forget the real reason Mayor Giuliani is so popular, forget that he gave his personal endorsement to this new guy, forget that the Democratic party won two governors' offices on the same day (two offices the Republicans really wanted) -- concentrate on the win! For one last slap (excuse) for not winning the two governors' offices, "it is because they were rich guys spending a lot of money." Somehow or other the newly elected mayor of New York also has a reputation of having more than a couple of nickels in his pocket.

Part of the fallout from the September 11th and anthrax laced-mail is an announcement of "reorganizing" the FBI. That reorganizing will hopefully include transferring some of the 1,000 "supervisors" out of Washington D.C. into working field offices. This will save money on manpower in the field and can hopefully cut expenses in the high rent district of Washington D.C.

While transferring supervisors back onto the working line, it might be a good time for the U. S. Postal Service to do the same thing. They are wanting five billion dollars from the U. S. Congress for additional expenses, but have said nothing about what they can do to trim costs. Several years ago they trimmed the local offices, the ones which deal with the American public, to the bone, while continuing to fund their plush offices, bonuses, cross-town moving expenses, etc. It is now time to put a bunch of these folks back out where they are needed.

A joke on how to get rid of the Taliban in Afghanistan came on a recent e-mail. It is all verbal and takes off the continuous flow of telemarketing phone calls received in American homes and businesses. In this one, the threat-maker points out that the Taliban guy doesn't have an answering machine to screen the calls and thus he can, and will, be worried to death. The tape then proceeds to be a call after call for a new credit card, phone service, siding for the house, free credit report, magazine subscriptions, another credit card, etc. That guy would be better off to just give up bin Laden or whatever to stop the telephone calls!

Christmas is apparently closer than some of us want to accept. Last Saturday night Heddy and I saw some Christmas trees lit up in a home, then Tuesday Elba city crews were busy stringing pretty lights all around the square. Folks, we don't know about you, but we just got finished with last Christmas and are not ready to start celebrating another one!

There were predictions for weeks that this holiday season would be one with a reduced amount of traveling, especially air travel. Now with another tragic air crash in New York Monday morning, with over 250 instant deaths, you can expect those predictions to be definite realities. People have always known that an airplane can crash, but we think it is the September 11th events that have the general American public still coping with a lingering shocked and frightened attitude.

If you are a football fan in Elba, Ala., this has got to be your week! Friday night the Elba Tigers play the second round of the state playoffs and right now the Tigers seem to be at their peak. It is a traveling game for Elba and those tend to take something out of a person, but it has been done successfully before. Then on Saturday there is the Alabama/Auburn (or is it the Auburn/Alabama?) game. Both these in-state schools are coming off wins and have visions of winning "the game." This should be a full Friday and Saturday.

We were nice and attended a high school class reunion with Heddy Saturday night. Now it has of course been more than a couple of years since these folks were all in high school, and we knew them, and their parents, well during those years, but... well they have changed quite a bit. The funny thing is that each person I thought the others were the ones who had changed. One of the attendees thought Heddy was the most changed of the group and we think she is the least changed! For sure she doesn't have the added waist and hip baggage a number of her classmates are now blessed with, but then maybe it is all because we are giving her much better care than some of her classmates are getting as they move through life. Oh well, anyway it sounds good to us personally.

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Alabama expands STEP OUTSIDE program beyond its original intent

by Riley Boykin Smith
Conservation Commissioner

How do you measure time? Do you count the hours during the day, or the days of the week? Do you note significant anniversary dates? Do you measure your life by remembering the high points and special events? Could it be that you trace your past through the opportunities you had -- and whether or not you took advantage of them?

I'm sure that we all have dates that are forever etched in our memories -- birthdays, special trips or vacations, "firsts" in our lives, personal milestones, and even the sad times that come to everyone. Some recall where they were when John F. Kennedy was shot, others share the awe they felt when that "small step for man..." was taken as Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon. We all are still grieving over the events of September 11, 2001.

Our measurement of time during this past year has been by the number of programs implemented or expanded by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that have been deemed successful. We are coming ever closer to our goal of communicating the conservation message to the public.

Every week we send information to newspapers and other media outlets statewide in the form of press releases, wildlife

ELBA GENERAL
HOSPITAL
REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 5, 2001, through November 11, 2001. They were: Mary Senn, Mary Sinson, Scottie Hatfield, Betty Spurlin, Quince Johnson, Eloise, McDaniell, Pauline Wood, Jimmy Johnson, Maggie Head, Annie Boswell, Foye McGuire, Louvenia Rowe, Annie Emory, Dallas Harbuck, Susan Lawford, McKayla Polk, Cathan Gully, Rose Golden, Christopher Danley, Timmy Richards, Mary Lindsey, Martha Graham, Ruby Owens and Mary Wright.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jeremiah Jordan, Ricardo Cooks, Annie Esposito, Dorothy Hussey, James Smith, Stephanie Johnson, Paula Boswell, Annie Boswell, Scottie Hatfield, Mary Sinson, Quince Johnson, Betty Spurlin, Jimmy Johnson, Susan Lawford, Eloise McDaniell, Maggie Head, Pauline Wood, Mary Senn, McKayla Polk, Mary Lindsey, Dallas Harbuck, Chris Danley, Martha Graham, Rose Golden and Cathan Gully.

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• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Monday following city council meeting - City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 3:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
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• COFFEE WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night in the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 5, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one breaking and entering of a vehicle, one unlawful possession, one manufacturing of a controlled substance, one harassment, two domestic violence, one burglary, one robbery, one animal mischief and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for unlawful possession, one for manufacturing a controlled substance, one for domestic violence and two for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: ten for speeding, one for violation of the seat belt law, one for no insurance and two for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - River stage - 6:07 feet (6:37 a.m.); 2-vehicle wreck reported at the Big Little West (7:09 a.m.); 2-vehicle wreck reported on Farris St. (7:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21952 Hwy. 189 (8:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Senior Citizens Building (10:43 a.m.); Breaking and entering in progress reported at 1741 West St. (9:26 p.m.); Loud music reported in the parking lot of Elba MarketPlace (11:10 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - River stage - 5:97 feet (6:34 a.m.);

Elba Police Report

Breaking and entering of a vehicle off 203 Bypass at old Windham Lumber building (8:51 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84W outside Elba (6:47 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84W (6:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84W (6:54 p.m.); Alarm activated at Hardee's (11:37 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - River stage - 5:23 feet (6:50 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - River stage - 4:72 feet (6:14 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 1427 North Smith Ave. (7:35 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (5:46 a.m.); River stage - 5:01 feet (6:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 310 Brunson St. (2:16 p.m.); Alarm activated at 627 Adams St. (5:02 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - River stage - 5:99 feet (6:18 a.m.); Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (12:27 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Disturbance reported at 1233 Jones Circle (3:08 a.m.); River stage - 6:04 feet (6:09 a.m.); Routine activity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin:

I want to take this means of thanking the City of Elba, Elba High School, and my class of 1971 classmates for making the Homecoming '01 Reunion so very special. Elba is a great place to "come home to" for those of us who have moved away.

Events such as the tea sponsored by the high school, the homecoming parade, and the football game gave us a chance to refresh acquaintances and relive memories of "Old Elba High." Thanks to the hard work of the 30th reunion planning committee, we also had great fellowship and fun at the after-the-hall game social and the dinner at the Country Club Saturday night. I really appreciate all your hard work, committee.

The only thing wrong with the weekend was that some of our classmates who could have come, didn't. You were missed! In fact, you were probably asked about by name: "Where is So-and-So? Why isn't he here?" were questions asked over and over. You were an important part of our class and a vacation was created by your absence.

To anyone who has an upcoming Elba High School reunion, I encourage you to attend. You'll be glad you did. Sincerely, Deborah Houtt Stabler Auburn, AL Elba High Class of 1971

In response to the September 11th tragedies, the American Red Cross was the first relief organization on the scene in New York and Washington, DC and it will be the last to leave. That is why Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross wants to reassure our local supporters that, contrary to some incorrect media reports, their donations are indeed reaching the victims.

So far, the Red Cross has spent more than \$140 million dollars on this relief operation, assisting 25,000 families that have been affected by our national tragedy. Here is a breakdown of how that money is being spent.

Family Grief Program: To date, the Red Cross has given out \$40 million dollars in cash grants to 2,700 families that lost a breadwinner in the attacks. The average grant is \$15,000. It is also important to note that 500 families have turned down our offer of a cash grant. Volunteers are working around the clock to locate the rest of the families, many of whom are staying with friends or relatives and have been difficult to find.

The Red Cross has set aside \$100 million for this purpose but will allocate more money if needed.

Immediate Disaster Relief: The Red Cross has spent \$70 million dollars on other direct assistance to victims. This includes the 9 million meals we have served to emergency workers. This also includes assistance to those whose apartments and homes were damaged or destroyed. For the thousands who have been displaced

from their homes, we are providing expenses for food, clothing, shelter, new household items, and cleaning supplies. Many people who work in the affected area are unemployed because their workplace was damaged or closed, and we are providing them with cash assistance to meet needs like food and rent. Also, more than 135,000 people have received crisis mental health counseling to help them cope with what they saw or experienced. One of the volunteer mental health workers is Keith Ellis, preacher at College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise. The Red Cross estimates it will spend more than \$100 million for these services.

Indirect Support Costs: To date, the organization has spent \$2.5 million on legitimate expenses related to running the disaster operation. These costs include things like fuel for vehicles that deliver food and supplies. Also, covered in this category are the costs for operating 800 numbers and running the database that keeps track of your donations and helps us to locate victims. Auditing and accounting expenses are also included in these costs. Audits are already being performed to ensure that your donations are safe. Your own chapter went through an audit on October 22nd.

Keeping the Blood Supply Safe: Since September 11th more than one million people generously donated blood. In order to process the blood the Red Cross estimates it will spend \$50 million. The Red Cross must purchase additional freezers and equipment to ensure that those donations can be used in the future. The Red Cross has already spent \$11 million to save the blood that was donated.

Military Support: The Red Cross has set aside \$4 million for assistance to the families of military personnel being deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This amount will increase if necessary. It includes cash assistance to families and other support activities for military families.

The Liberty Disaster Fund was created after September 11th to support the Red Cross relief efforts and emerging needs from our national tragedy. One of those emerging needs includes the assistance we are now providing to the victims of the anthrax attacks. Another need we are fulfilling is the nationwide need for disaster education. Chapters around the country, including Coffee County, are being asked for information on disaster preparedness. All money in the Liberty Fund will be spent on the September 11th tragedies and not on other disasters unrelated to the tragedy. Any money not spent in the short term will be held for victims long term needs.

Finally, the Coffee County Chapter wants to reiterate that your donations are reaching victims and being used for legitimate disaster expenses. Our highest priority is to ensure

that the Liberty Funds are disbursed quickly and appropriately to meet the needs of the victims and our nation, while retaining the trust and confidence of all those who have contributed so generously and honoring the intentions of every donor.

Sherry Teeter
Chapter Manager

Hello,

My name is Alfred Brock. I recently read where the State of Alabama has allowed a vocal minority the right to paste little stickers within the cover of science textbooks as a disclaimer against the theory of evolution.

I would like to request that the State of Alabama paste within the cover each and every copy of the Bible that is kept on State of Alabama property, or is owned or used for official purposes by the State of Alabama a disclaimer stating that no where within that Good Book of God's own Living Word that there is any mention or support of oaths, subscriptions, decrees, laws of the State of Alabama, or even the State of Alabama itself, nor mention nor support of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, including both the Alabama State Senate and Alabama General Assembly.

Also included with the wording to be pasted into the cover of the Good Book throughout official offices in the State of Alabama, I urge that notice also be declared that just because someone is holding the Bible does not mean they are holding God or keeping God's Laws within their hearts.

It is with the hope that the State of Alabama will cease listening to and following the words of false prophets that I ask that this be done.

Sincerely,
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Obituaries

FOYE MCGUIRE

Mrs. Foye McGuire, age 75, of 987 Drayton Ave., Elba, Ala., died Nov. 12, 2001 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Survivors include his wife: Susie Baldwin, Elba; two step sons: James Baldwin, Elba; Henry Baldwin, Springville, Ala.; one step daughter: Linda Wilkerson, Opp; one sister: Gladys Sessions, Banks, Ala.; and eight step grandchildren.

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W.B. BALDWIN

Mr. W.B. Baldwin, age 72, of 19956 Highway 87, Elba, Ala., died Nov. 13, 2001 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba at 2 p.m.

with Rev. Lanny Wise officiating. Burial followed in the Beulah Cemetery of Opp with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church

The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a community-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. This service will be held at Westside Baptist Church and will be a

time of prayer, praise and celebration of the goodness of God to our community, nation and world. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and join in thanking the Lord for His wonderful blessings.

Special Persons Bazaar

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 15

Food items, Craft Corner

For Lunch: BBQ Sandwiches, Chicken Salad, Sandwiches, Taco or Veg. Soup, Chili, Homemade Desserts

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

The New Testament speaks of Christians going from house to house and breaking bread daily. Was this the Lord's Supper? If so then why is the Lord's Supper only partaken of on the first day of the week now?

Then they that gladly received of them, and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2:41-42) When these people heard Peter proclaim that the man they crucified is now both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36), they asked Peter and the rest of the apostles what they were to do (Acts 2:37). Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38)." As we read from above those that gladly received the word spoken by Peter obeyed the gospel. They were added unto the church just as every person is added that should be saved (Acts 2:47), and then they continued faithfully to do those things taught by the apostles. One of these things mentioned that they continued steadfastly in was in breaking of bread. It does not say at this point how often they did it. What was this breaking of bread? It is something they did as being steadfast in keeping the apostles' doctrine then it must have been something authorized by the Lord (John 14:26; Matthew 28:18-20). The Lord instituted the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-28). In doing so the Lord took bread and broke it (1 Corinthians 11:24) saying that it represented His body and commanded that it be partaken in remembrance of Him (1 Corinthians 11:24). Paul said to the church at Corinth that as often as they did eat the bread and drank of the cup they were doing so showing the Lord's death till He come (1 Corinthians 11:26). But as often as they do it, they do it to show the example of how often the church is to partake of the Lord's Supper, and that is on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This breaking of bread as mentioned in Acts 2:42 is the Lord's Supper and it is to be partaken on the first day of the week. To be continued next week.

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36527. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. worship at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

The Perry's to be in concert at Country Cathedral November 29

The Perry's will be in concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East, Opp, Thursday, November 29, 2001. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be no charge for admission. A love offering will be received. Pastor Charles Dyess invites all to attend.

Gospel Sing planned at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church will be hosting a gospel singing on Saturday, November 17, 2001. Supper and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Williamson Family from Crestview, Florida. Everyone is invited to attend.

Planning meeting to be held for A.M.E. churches Saturday, November 17th

Presiding Elder J. F. McCloud will hold his planning meeting for the A.M.E. churches of the Ozark District on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Park Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dothan. The morning message will be delivered by the Reverend Fred L. Flowers, Pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba. Rev. Horace J. Fitchard, Jr., Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ozark, will serve as Presiding Officer. Music will be rendered by the Ozark District Youth Choir under the direction of Pastor James Corbin of the churches in the Florida Lockhart Circuit.

Arts and Crafts Show to be held December 1 at St. Columbia Catholic Church

The St. Columbia Catholic Women's Club will hold their annual Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, December 1. The event will be held in the Parish Hall directly behind the church from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Using the Microcomputer-Level 1 being offered at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, "Using the Microcomputer-Level 1," will be offered in a second session this fall semester to assist persons, having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be intro-



LENA FULLER CELEBRATES TURNING 90: A large number of family and friends gathered at the Masonic Lodge in Elba, on Saturday, October 20, to wish Lena Fuller a happy 90th birthday. Family members came from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida to help "Aunt Lena" celebrate this happy occasion.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2004

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13
Thinking of you, praying for you. The Myland and Johnson families, Cathan Knight, Jeremiah Jordan, John E. Folmar, Beulah Horne, Cora Horne, Lela Horne, Lucile Hammond, Lela Brown and Henry Waters.
November Birthdays: Brandon Kelley, Maria Duncan and Aubrey Williams.
Annual Deacons' and Deaconesses Day will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church the Tarentum Community on Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.
The Women's Club will be selling and serving lunches, snacks, and drinks. Baked goods will be available for sale along with the Trash-to-Treasure booth.

and accompanied by organist, Richard Laster of Ozark.
Opening Praise Services will be held by the Ozark Area Women's Missionary Society Praise Team. Following the worship services, Reverend McCloud and District pastors will establish the District Calendar for the upcoming conference year. The public is invited to attend the worship services. For more information, please call Rev. McCloud at 983-1966. Rev. Flowers, District Secretary, at 393-1015, Rev. Allen at 792-5033, or Marge Simmons, Director of Public Relations, at 393-3827.

at 2:00 p.m. Pastor L.P. Carter will be the speaker at Rocky Head, Missionary Baptist Church (3735 Highway 125 N. or P.O. Box 181 Elba, Alabama 36323; 334-897-2210).
Annual Marton Rainbow Tea will be held Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Rucker Blvd. Enterprise, AL).
Thanksgiving Praise Services will be held at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba on November 18-20, 2001 beginning at 6:00 p.m. each night.
Minister Mary Williams, Greene of Plainsfield, N.J. will speak at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church on Friday, November 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.
Today is a good day to be grateful!

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Weeks-Donaldson united in marriage November on 1st



Mr. & Mrs. Blake Weeks

Dikes and Kathy Weeks of Elba and Dwight and Glenda Donaldson of Opp announce the wedding of their children Blake and Beth. The wedding was a small family gathering held at Zion Chapel Baptist Church in Jack on November 1, 2001.

Beth is the granddaughter of Mrs. Sue Williams and the late Mr. Harold Williams of Opp and the late James Lamar and Elizabeth Donaldson also of Opp. She is a 1998 graduate of Opp High School.

Blake is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Kemp of Elba and Mrs. Betty Weeks and the late Jeter Eugene Weeks of Geneva. He is a 1999 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. The couple is making their home in Elba.



Mr. Flowers & Miss Carter

Miss Carter & Mr. Flowers to wed Saturday, December 8th

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Carter of Andalusia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Leigh Carter, to Michael Wade Flowers, son of the late Mr. James Flowers and Mrs. Juanita Flowers of Elba. The wedding will take place

Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church. All friends and family of the couple are invited to attend. The reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

The Pilot Club of Enterprise Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sunday, December 2, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This year's tour will include Santa's Sweet Shop - A Taste of Christmas at Tartan Pines Club House. Tour tickets are \$6.50 each and Santa's

Sweet Shop tickets are \$2.50. Tickets may be purchased from any Pilot Club member or at Merle Norman, downtown Enterprise; Citizens Bank, Eastside Branch on Rucker Blvd. and Pure Imagination, West Gate Shopping Center.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It always seems like the Mularz girls need more clothes or shoes about this time every year, which means I either have to wait a few extra weeks until Christmas, or go ahead and let 'em get some early presents. The problem is that anything bought this early is already old by the time Christmas rolls around, and never counts as a present. Maybe I should make pictures to remind them of the early gifts.

ELBA TIGERS SURVIVE OPENING ROUND SCARE

The Elba Tigers gave a large home crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they defeated the St. Clair County Saints 27-12 in the opening round of the 3A football playoffs. The Tigers made it look easy early on as they jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead, but watched as the Saints returned two punts for touchdowns in the second quarter to cut the lead to 21-12, and then had to scrap and fight throughout the final two quarters to hold on and claim the win. It wasn't always pretty, but it was a playoff win, and proved once again that the Elba Tigers are back in the hunt in 3A circles.

The Elba offense used its quickness early in the game to break through the defense line that paved the way. The offense was in two long plays that helped the Tigers go ahead 14-0 after just two possessions. A 63-yard run by Quinton Moultry on the first play from scrimmage set up the first Tiger touchdown, while a 55-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Todd Horstead went the distance for the second score of the stanza. The Tigers' lead went to 21-0 midway through the second quarter, and it was again the Tigers' speed and blocking in the offensive line that paved the way. The offense was out of sync in the second half, but came up with two big first downs in the fourth quarter after being backed up inside its own one, and then scored late to put the win on ice. The second half struggles kept the Tigers from rolling up a lot of yardage and putting more points on the scoreboard; however, it was obvious to everyone in attendance that the Elba offense did have speed to burn.

The Tiger defense tossed a shut-out against the high-scoring Saints and really made the St. Clair running backs pay every time they carried the ball. Marcus Henderson had some big hits from his linebacker position, while Michael Reed also had some big hits and knocked down at least two passes. Kyle English had two interceptions and both were big, as the first set up a Tiger touchdown and the second stopped a St. Clair threat in the Elba endzone. The Tigers were supposed to have problems with the high-powered Saints attack, but Friday night the Tigers took charge early and led the way late as Elba claimed the big playoff win.

Elba head coach Mike Waters was ejected from the game after a controversial play in the second quarter involving a fumble, and his absence was very noticeable in the second half as the Tigers struggled on offense and seemed confused at times along the sidelines. Sometimes you have to get burned before you believe the pot is hot, and Friday night I am sure Coach Waters learned his lessons the hard way that if you want to talk back about an official, do so facing the stands.

The win was just another step in the Tigers trip back after five straight losing seasons, and was an impressive win over a very good opponent. Several out-of-town fans that I talked with after the game were surprised and impressed with Elba on both offense and defense, and they all agreed that the Elba Tigers were back and ready to go on the road. There is still much work to do. However, the foundation has been laid and everything seems in place for the work to continue. It was another chapter in the comeback story of 2001, and hopefully the book is still a long way from being finished!

PLAYOFFS NOT TOO KIND FOR TWO AREA TEAMS

The high school playoffs opened last week and both area teams made an early exit as the Kinston Bulldogs lost to Maplesville 41-20 and the Brantley Bulldogs were blanked by Reeltown 28-0. Here is a quick look back....

*** KINSTON (6-5) - The Bulldogs battled the highly-favored Red Devils on even terms through three quarters before falling 41-20 in a game that made all Bulldog fans proud to wear the orange and blue. Kinston wasn't given much of a chance against the 1A power from Maplesville, but proved early on that they had come to play, and battled until the final horn. The fifteen seniors on this year's team made history on the football field down at Kinston High, and while they were all disappointed in losing, they put Kinston Bulldog football back on the map.

*** BRANTLEY (5-6) - The Bulldogs gave Reeltown all it could handle for the opening half, but finally wore down on defense and were eliminated by the highly-ranked Rebels 28-0. Brantley battled tooth and nail for all four quarters and never once backed down, but in the end it was the same story as in most of the Bulldogs losses as Brantley just couldn't generate enough offense to give the defense a rest. Brantley had a very young team this season, and you know the six losses won't sit well with the Bulldogs as they work to get ready for next season. Unless I miss my guess, Brantley will be back and will be ready for revenge very, very soon.

OPENING ROUND OF PLAYOFFS INCLUDE SURPRISES

The opening round of the high school football playoffs are always filled with surprises, and such was the case again this year as players, coaches and fans found out that when the regular season ends, it is really over. Here's a look back at the opening round....

*** CLASS 1A - The biggest upset on paper was G.W. Long's loss to Isabella 22-15; however, while the #1 Rebels were a strong team, they weren't anywhere close to being the top team in the state. Pleasant Home was shown an early exit in its first playoff game ever as Autaugaaville punished the Eagles 42-14, while McKenzie was shocked at home by (3-7) Sweet Water 20-17.

*** CLASS 2A - The biggest surprise to me was Goshen's 28-21 win over Excel, followed closely by Red Level's 21-15 road win over Southern Chattoog. Both teams had very good season's, but very few football fanatics expected either team to still be around for week #2 action. Another mild upset was Houston Academy's 10-2 win over Ranburne.

*** CLASS 3A - The biggest surprise here was Luverne losing at home to Ashville 33-31. In overtime, the Tigers had been winning big all season long, but are out after only one week in the playoffs. Elba's 27-12 win over St. Clair County was an upset to many state sports writers, as was Washington County's 21-6 win over B.B. Comer. However, these two teams survived a very tough region war and were obviously ready to bang heads with somebody else.

*** CLASS 4A - Andesia getting wiped out 31-7 by Handley was a mild surprise, but that was really the only upset in the 4A circles. Some surprises were Daleville scoring 62 on Sumter County and Jackson battling to a 13-7 loss to Trinity.

*** CLASS 5A - The favorites pretty much survived here in 5A, but there were a few surprises, such as Benjamin Russell putting 49 on the board against Blount, Homewood blasting Etowah 63-26 and Greenville hanging tough in a 19-13 loss to Oak Mountain.

*** CLASS 6A - Dothan's 21-20 loss to McGill-Toolen really surprised me, but as far as the other games went, that was probably the only real shocker. Maybe the people down near Mobile were shocked that 9-1 Mary Montgomery was hammered by Opelika 45-2, but it was only a surprise to them.

QUICK KICKS....

*** I was very proud of the large crowd on hand for Elba's 27-12 home win over St. Clair County, and the loudness of the crowd reminded me of the glory days of the past. The fans cheered loudly when the Tigers had a big play, and literally booed the officials off the field at halftime after a controversial call late in the half resulted in Coach Waters being ejected. Elba fans know that they can make a difference, and Friday night they did!

*** I know Coach Mike Waters very well and assure you he was genuinely embarrassed after being ejected from the game Friday night. Coach Waters has worked countless hours to put pride back into the Elba Tiger football program, and Friday night he simply got caught up in the moment and the officials heard something they weren't supposed to hear. Coach Waters has done far too much good for the Elba program to hold such a thing against him, and I know the fans are still behind him one hundred percent.

*** I watched college football last Saturday and have to be honest and say that Alabama really doesn't have that good a college football team. The Crimson Tide has some good players that are surrounded by average players, and when those average players rise to the challenge the Tide is successful. Coach Fran better hope the Bama faithful are patient, because I just don't see the Crimson Tide getting a whole lot better any time soon.

*** I also watched Auburn and was impressed with the Tigers on both offense and defense. I don't think they can win consistently using trick plays, but do think Auburn is a lot closer to being a national contender than the folks up in Tuscaloosa.

*** I talked with Geneva coach Leavy Boutwell last Friday morning and tried to convince him that his Panthers would roll past Choctaw County in their playoff opener. Coach Boutwell said his team was in trouble, and while it may have looked that way after Choctaw County returned the opening kickoff back for a touchdown, I never had any doubt that the Panthers would emerge with a win. Keep going coach, you have a lot of fans up here in Elba.

PROGNOSTICATOR PLOWS THROUGH PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early Sunday morning and said the opening week of the playoffs went pretty well as

Remain unbeaten on young season

Elba Junior High basketball teams on a roll

It was a busy week of action on the court last week for the Elba Junior High Tigers as all three teams hit the court for three games, and all three teams swept past their opponents to remain undefeated on the season.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 8TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 47
KINSTON 11
The Elba Junior Tigers pulled out to a 14-0 lead in the opening stanza and never looked back in posting a big 47-11 win over Kinston. The Tigers led 14-0 early and pulled out to a 44-6 lead by the end of the third quarter as they claimed the easy win. Guy Anderson and Stefan Burks both scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley added 7.

Elba (47): Hill 2, Williams 2, Kelley 2, Anderson 8, Johnson 4, Cook 2, Gully 6, B. Kelley 7, Stoudemire 4, Robinson 2, Burks 8.

Kinston (11): Phillips 2, Driver 2, Bedsole 5, Lowery 2.

ELBA 9

The Elba Junior Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to a 45-9 win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers jumped out to a 29-2 halftime lead, but saw Kinston rally and pull even at 14-14 heading into the final stanza, and had to score late to claim the win. Ashleigh Waddall scored 12 points to lead Elba, while YoYo Reynolds and Ashley Gibson both scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Ron Hill added 6.

Elba (45): Hill 6, Williams 2, B. Kelley 9, Anderson 4, Cook 5, Kelley 3, Stoudemire 5, Burks 9.

Z.C. (9): Childs 2, Culver 5, Stinson 2.

Elba 57
N.B. 19
The Elba Junior Tigers took command early and rolled to a big 57-19 win over New Brockton. The Tigers jumped out to a 32-4 halftime advantage and coasted in with the easy win. Brandon Kelley scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Andrew Stoudemire added 10 and Lewis Johnson scored 9.

Elba (57): Hill 3, Williams 2, Rogers 4, B. Kelley 12, Johnson 9, Cook 4, Gully 8, Kelley 2, Stoudemire 10, Burks 3.

N.B. (19): Cook 6, Andrews 4, Johnson 4, Windham 3, Hines 2.

ELBA 9TH GRADE GIRLS

ELBA 26
KINSTON 24
The Elba Junior Lady Tigers scored late to edge past Kinston 26-24. The Lady Tigers owned a 13-8 halftime lead, but saw Kinston rally and pull even at 14-14 heading into the final stanza, and had to score late to claim the win. Ashleigh Waddall scored 12 points to lead Elba, while YoYo Reynolds and Ashley Gibson both scored 5.

Elba (26): Reynolds 5, Duncan 3, Gibson 5, Waddall 12, Lawford 1.

Kinston (24): Smith 7, Dubose 2, Hunko 8, Wise 4, Sanders 2.

Elba 35
Z.C. 4
The Elba Junior Lady Tigers took charge early and never looked back to defeat Zion Chapel 35-4. The Lady Tigers owned a 29-2 lead after three quarters and rolled to the easy win. YoYo Reynolds and Emily Paul both scored 7 points to lead Elba, while Kendall Simson added 5.

Elba (35): Reynolds 7, Duncan 2, Gibson 2, Waddall 3, Paul 7, Stinson 5, Barnes 4, Pope 2, Lawford 1, Brunson 2, Z.C. (4): Flowers 2, Beasley 2.

Elba 24
N.B. 12
The Elba Junior Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down New Brockton 24-12. The Lady Tigers owned a 7-6 lead after one quarter, but had to rally in the third quarter to move on top 15-10 and then pulled away for the win. YoYo Reynolds scored 7 points to lead Elba, while Ashley Gibson and Ashleigh Waddall both added 5.

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N.B. (12): Hall 3, Adams 2, Loman 5, Jenkins 2.

Elba 22
N.B. 14
The Elba 7th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down New Brockton 22-14. The Tigers jumped out to an early 10-0 lead and held on to claim the big win. Anton Tillis scored 10 points to lead Elba.

Elba (22): Jackson 2, Nelson 2, Frazier 4, Tillis 10, Manning 2.

N.B. (14): York 4, Simmons 6, Hollis 4.

expected, as his 25-7 record for the week would indicate. He was shocked that Luverne lost, and was mildly surprised that Dothan lost, but did remind me that he picked G.W. Long to lose in a big upset. His week #1 picks in the playoffs moved the area guesstest's yearly totals to 298-57, and even I will admit that ain't too bad.

ELBA VS. TARRANT

The Tigers will make the long trip up to Birmingham for a second round match-up with top-ranked Tarrant, and while the folks up north will be looking for a blow-out win by the Wildcats, the people making the trip from Elba will be expecting their Tigers to carry home the upset win. Include me in that group....

ELBA 20 TARRANT 19

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Linden 19 Isabella 18
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Goshen 27 Horseshoe Bend 13
Lineville 28 Red Level 8
Houston County 22 Straughn 17
Aliceville 16 Ashville 14
Springville 21 Pike County 18
Lanett 17 Washington County 15
UMS-Wright 31 Daleville 10
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SPORTS

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor



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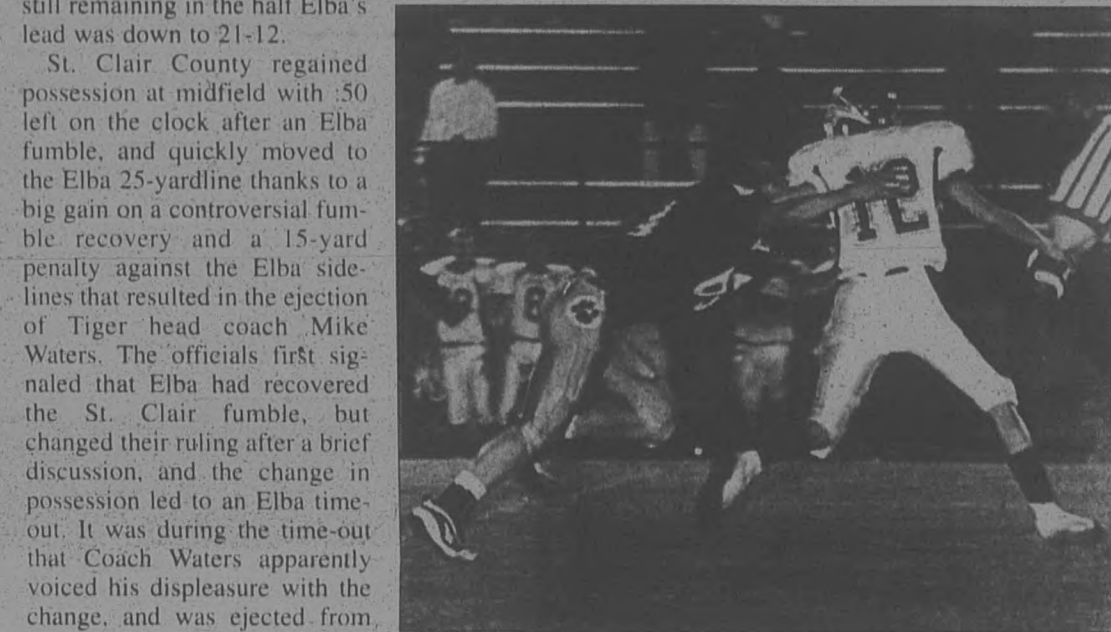
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Elba's Chris Bryant sacks the St. Clair County quarterback back for a 15-yard loss. The big loss helped the Tiger defense turn back a Saints threat early in the second half.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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including attorney's fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following liens which may affect the title to said property, all other liens and matters which may be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the public records, including, but not limited to all valid mortgages, which constitute liens in priority to the mortgage herein, all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property, restrictive covenants, easements, if any, if any, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and all other matters which may be subject to Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the only party claiming an interest in the property of Elaine Davis and Jimmy Ray Davis or tenanted) is

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Elba Council appoints Dyess to serve another term with housing authority

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Tuesday night (November 13) to reappoint Percy Dyess to another term on the Elba Housing Authority. The meeting had been postponed from Monday due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Monthly bills totaling \$24,169.21 were approved for payment. They included \$5,529.81 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$5,499.67 for recreation equipment and uniforms; \$1,171.18 for asphalt mix; \$853.04 for pipe; and \$2,164.00 for advertising.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the street sign project is progressing, with Reese Street finished and East Davis ongoing.

Elba Mayor James Grimes noted receipt of a letter from

National Security Insurance commending the police and other departments for a job well done.

Grimes also told council members that the local Head Start program wants to expand and has at least 17 additional children on the waiting list. They have requested city help in repairing the city-owned building they now occupy for \$1,000 per year. Grimes explained he wanted the council members to be aware of the request and their blessings to go further with the request. It was decided that city officials would obtain cost estimates before taking formal action on the request for repair of the building, which Grimes estimates will cost at least \$5,000.

The mayor also reported that 18 parcels of property have been purchased for the levee upgrade project.

New Brockton Police arrest teenager in connection with motor vehicle break-ins

A series of interviews by the New Brockton Police Department led to the recent arrest of a New Brockton teenager in connection with some motor vehicle break-ins.

Christopher Demetrius Silas, age 18, of 303 N. John Street, New Brockton, was arrested and charged on Monday, Nov. 12, with unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property second degree.

According to police, Silas denied any connection to the

break-ins during interviews held on Nov. 6 and Nov. 10. During an interview held on Sunday, Nov. 11, police said Silas confessed to some of the vehicle break-ins reported by citizens and was arrested the following day.

Upon his arrest, Silas was placed in the Coffee County Jail.

Police still urge citizens of New Brockton and the surrounding area to continue locking their vehicles and possibly leaving an outside light on at night as a precautionary measure.

During Elba BOE meeting Superintendent provides proration update

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Thursday night the Elba City School Board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks report that the school system is holding its own financially and still operating in the black; mentioning however the projected 5% proration in education funding if the state legislature doesn't furnish additional funds.

Weeks said the results for the Elba school system of the proposed proration would be more drastic than they had ever seen. He explained that it would

probably cost Elba eight classroom teachers and six support personnel next year if the state actually declares 5% proration.

The remainder of the board meeting was a discussion by the board members, superintendent and special education teachers with the mother of a special education student. At the conclusion of that discussion, Chairman Daniel Stephens thanked her for her comments, her interest in her child and the school system and confirmed that the Superintendent and his staff would address the issues discussed.

Wednesday afternoon accident sends three people to the hospital

safety devices available. Alabama State Trooper Willie White investigated the accident.

Also responding to the accident alarm were the Opp Rescue Squad, Coffee County EMS, the

Elba Fire Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department.



An afternoon wreck last Wednesday at the intersection of U. S. 84 and Ala. 141 (Curtis Community) sent two people to an Opp hospital by rescue squad and a third person was airlifted to a Dothan hospital by a Ft. Rucker helicopter.

The accident happened about 3:00 p.m. when a red Nissan 200 driving West collided with a log truck driving East to Elba. The driver of the log truck, Jackie Hughes of Rt. 7, Andalusia, was unhurt but all three people in the car were taken to the hospital.

Driver of the car was Rodney Daniel Carr, age 28, of Rt. 1, Ozark. He was taken to the Opp hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. Also taken to the Opp hospital was Carol L. Turner, also age 28, of Rt. 3, Ozark.

The most seriously injured was Benny Joe Oliver, age 56, of 349 Troy Street, Ozark. Paramedics on the scene didn't think his injuries would be life threatening if he received immediate treatment and this victim was airlifted to a Dothan hospital by the Ft. Rucker "Flatiron" helicopter.

Both Carr and Turner were in the front seat of the car, had their seat belts fastened and the air bags deployed. Oliver was in the back seat of the car and didn't have the seat belt or air bag

"Christmas in Elba" begins Saturday, Nov. 24, with annual Christmas Festival

The holiday season is fast approaching and to culminate the spirit, the Elba Chamber of Commerce invites all to attend the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 24. The day's activities will be held at the historic courthouse square in Elba and will begin at 9 a.m.

The festival has been expanded this year and promises to be a fun filled day for all ages.

Entertainment will begin at 9 a.m. and run continuously throughout the day. The emcee will be Elba's own Roger Boothe.

Arts and crafts will abound the courthouse square with many vendors and artisans displaying their merchandise. This also will be a great time to begin Christmas shopping as many Elba merchants will be open. In addition, numerous food vendors will be located around the square and will offer many different selections for any taste.

There will be a huge focus on children's activities this year.

For the older children, there will be a fast speed baseball activity sponsored by the Elba High School baseball team. Children will be able to race to the finish line at the newly added obstacle course, and they can feel the excitement of parachuting in an enclosed environment with the all-new airborne adventure. Finally, towering over all the children's activities will be the gigantic slide.

The traditional favorites for the children also promise to be a success this year with the Girl Scout Troop #300 Teddy Bear Tea Party, as well as, pony rides, train rides and clowns.

Consumers are urged not to forget to turn in their filled "Santa Stamps" game piece to the chamber office prior before Friday, Nov. 23, or bring them to the Elba Chamber of Commerce booth on the day of the festival before 12 Noon. The drawing of the Grand Prize (\$300 worth of gift certificates) and the second prize (\$150 worth of gift certificates) will be held at Noon during the children's activities this year.

Participants must be present to win.

As soon as the activities on the square begin to wrap up for the evening, the streets of Elba will be filled with a vast array of lights and sounds of the season as the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Parade begins at 4:30 p.m. The parade promises to be bigger and better than ever, spotlighting dignitaries, churches, local businesses, beauty queens, marching bands and a variety of festive floats, as well as, the big man himself, Santa Claus.

The parade will be guided into town by a Magical Christmas Float. This float will start down the streets approximately five minutes before all other entries. The purpose of this float is to distribute food and toys to the needy during the holiday season. All parade onlookers are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or a packaged toy and place these items on the Magical Christmas Float as it passes by.

Immediately following the parade, all spectators will be given candles and asked to return to the courthouse square for the memorable All-Star Lighting Ceremony.

The lighting ceremony will recognize Elba's top citizens

who have made a mark on this community as they display a year for community service and "big hearts" for their hometown. During the ceremony, candles will be lit to enhance the beautifully decorated courthouse square, and the crowd will be asked to join their fellow neighbors in singing Christmas carols.

This will bring the day's activities to a close; however, the celebration of Christmas in Elba will continue on Saturday, Dec. 8, with "Christmas in the Forest."

During the evening of Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m., the Elba Chamber of Commerce and its members invites all to join them for a buggy ride through a magical Christmas forest. These rides will be held on Forest Lake Drive and will conclude with refreshments. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce booth at the Christmas Festival.

"Christmas in Elba" has arrived, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce strives to make it one for everyone to remember with the 14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 24, and "Christmas in the Forest" on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Area Happenings

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS The City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 26, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The Thursday garbage route will be picked up on Friday. The Elba Public Library will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of the holiday.

FOEPL BOOK SALE Friends of the Elba Public Library will conduct a Book Sale at the library from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

BLOOD DRIVE An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

14th Annual Elba Christmas Festival Entertainment Schedule:

9 a.m. - Judson Vaughan/Boy Scouts - National Anthem
9:30 a.m. - Ino Baptist Church Youth Group
10 a.m. - Peggy Stroud
10:30 a.m. - Dixie Cloggers
11 a.m. - Southern Gentlemen
12 Noon - Introduction of Elba Queens and Santa Stamps Drawing
12:30 p.m. - Troy State Dixie Darlins
1 p.m. - Crimson River (Gospel)
1:30 p.m. - Derrick Snellgrove
2 p.m. - Diamond Squares of Opp
2:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Youth Group
3 p.m. - Elba First Baptist Church Youth Group
3:30 p.m. - Gymnastics Etc.
4:30 p.m. - Parade
Elba's All-Star Lighting Ceremony will follow the parade.